

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 27, 2006, a number informalities were noted in the specification. In addition to typographical and grammatical errors, all of which have been corrected, the Examiner noted a number of discrepancies between the formula AB/C:EuD, E, and the various examples provided in the specification. Similar informalities and discrepancies caused claims 5-7 to be objected to, and claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 to be rejected under §112, second paragraph.

In response, in addition to correcting the typographical and grammatical informalities, the specification and claims have been amended to describe the aforementioned formula in a manner that is consistent with the disclosed examples. Since the Examiner has stated that the specification is enabling for the disclosed examples, and since the remainder of the specification has simply been made to conform to those examples, no new matter is added by any of these amendments to the specification and claims. Consistent changes have been made in the Abstract as well.

Additionally, claims 1, 5 and 6 were stated to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hell et al. In the substantiation of this rejection, however, with respect to claim 5, the Examiner additionally relied on the Haschke et al. reference as providing evidence of inherency in the process disclosed in the Hell et al. reference. A similar rejection of claims 1, 5 and 6 was made under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Leblans et al. Additionally, claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over LeBlans et al. in view of Goodman et al. In the substantiation of this rejection at page 9 of the Office Action,

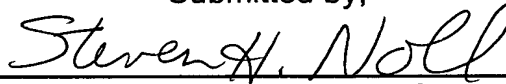
however, the Examiner referred to Hell et al. rather than Leblans et al., as not disclosing a molybdenum vaporizer.

Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 were not rejected based on the prior art.

The subject matter of claim 3 has now been embodied in independent claim 1, and the dependency of claim 4 accordingly has been revised in view of the cancellation of claim 3. Since no prior art was applied against claim 3, and since all of the remaining claims are submitted to be in full compliance with all provisions of §112, all claims of the application are now submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Early reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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